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RE: Corrections to Notes of Section 106 Consulting Party Meetings of July 28 & August 4, 2009

Dear Ms. Miyamoto:

Thank you for circulating the meeting notes of the consultation meetings of July 28 and August 4, 2009 related to the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project Programmatic Agreement.

Please amend the administrative record to capture the following additions and corrections to the general discussion from the meetings:

July 28, 2009

1. In the discussion about the timeline for developing and executing the PA, the transit team presented its intention to have a final PA prepared by the following week, August 4, 2009. Kiersten Faulkner, HHF, stated that timeframe was unrealistically ambitious and did not allow sufficient time for review or discussion. Brian Turner, NTHP, stated that the PA must include discussion of alternatives to avoid and minimize effect prior to mitigation. Blythe Semmer, ACHP, stated that ACHP had only received the notice and invitation to participate the previous day and that ACHP has 15 days to determine its involvement; that statutory timeline exceeds the amount of time the transit team has provided. Elaine Jackson-Retondo, NPS, and Kehau Abad, OIBC, also concurred that the compressed timeline was too tight.
2. In the discussion of the Whereas clause related to ACHP involvement, Kiersten Faulkner, HHF, asked why the draft PA indicated that ACHP declined to participate. Lawrence Spurgeon stated that it was a remnant from a model PA and did not indicate an assumption that ACHP would not participate or that their participation was unwanted. Kehau Abad, OIBC, asked why the notice was provided so late.
3. In the discussion about Navy participation, Blythe Semmer, ACHP, asked if Navy itself has Section 106 responsibilities, and, if so, if it has been invited to use the FTA process to satisfy those responsibilities.
4. In the discussion of mitigation for the effects on Navy properties, the transit team stated that the Navy has disputed the adverse effect to the NHL and will not allow any access or participation for those mitigation measures.



5. In the general discussion about a proposed Certified Local Government, Mahealani Cypher, Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, noted that the City already has enabling legislation that would permit the establishment of a preservation commission and integrated program from 1992, so this could be implemented by the Administration without further City Council action.

August 4, 2009

1. In the discussion about the "Design Pattern Guidebook," there was a request that additional means of commenting on station design be provided in addition to neighborhood meetings, especially to accommodated consulting parties located off island. There was also a request to include parameters and opportunities for avoiding and minimizing impacts to historic and cultural resources, not only to mitigate them.
2. In the general discussion, Elaine Jackson-Retondo, NPS, requested that a stipulation be added related to post-construction noise monitoring and effects on the National Historic Landmarks.
3. Pua Aiu, SHPD, and Spencer Leineweber, AIA, stated that they remain concerned that the PA has not addressed cumulative effects and mitigation other than documentation.
4. Spencer Leineweber, AIA, asked for a report on the status of the project's compliance with Section 4F. Lawrence Spurgeon replied that the transit team is working on that now and it had been delayed until the concurrence on the determination of adverse effects. He stated that 4F is a separate process and the effects would be discussed directly with the resource managers and the relevant agencies. He stated that the 4F report will be included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.
5. Frank Hays, NPS, stated that a collaborative process will be needed to determine the appropriate number and the selection of which sites will be subject to some of the documentation, especially the NR nominations. Pua Aiu, SHPD, stated that if the PA needs to include a limitation on the number of sites, the process for determining those details will need to be completed prior to execution of the PA so that the conclusions may be included in the PA. Faith Miyamoto stated that they will discuss that issue with SHPD separately. Aiu stated that the other consulting parties should also have input.
6. Spencer Leineweber, AIA, requested a separate meeting in which to discuss the cumulative effects and appropriate mitigation. Kiersten Faulkner, HHF, asked that the City and FTA provide its list of proposed mitigation for the indirect, cumulative and foreseeable effects that will result from the undertaking. Faulkner stated that since the City has rejected the mitigation measures proposed by HHF, NTHP and SHPD out of hand, it should have an offer of its own to address these issues. Frank Hays, NPS, added that a separate meeting would be needed to focus on the larger issues of mitigation, not merely to wordsmith the draft PA, which is both too limiting and too time-consuming. He stated that would be a more efficient use of time to focus on the bigger unresolved issues and requested that the consulting parties have input on the agenda for the meeting. Elaine Jackson-Retondo, NPS, agreed with that approach.
7. Kiersten Faulkner, HHF, and Pua Aiu, SHPD, requested that at all future consultation meetings include a representative from the City & County of Honolulu who has the authority to discuss and commit to mitigation measures outside the narrow parameters previously described. Aiu stated that the consultation process can only work if the

appropriate people at a sufficient level of authority to speak for their organizations participate in the process and that it is unproductive to have to take the issues “under advisement.” Aiu further stated that at the next meeting, the City needs to be able to have a meaningful participation on other mitigation measures and be in a position to say “yes.”

These additions will improve the accuracy of the meeting notes by including the content and tone of these important issues. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kiersten Faulkner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kiersten" and last name "Faulkner" clearly legible.

Kiersten Faulkner, AICP
Executive Director

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FTA: Ted Matley

SHPD: Pua Aiu, Nancy McMahon

ACHP: Blythe Semmer and Charlene Vaughan

AIA: Jeff Nishi, Amy Blagriff, Spencer Leineweber

NPS: Elaine Jackson-Retondo, Frank Hays, Melia Lane-Kamahele

NTHP: Betsy Merritt, Brian Turner

OIBC: Kawika McKeagan, Hinaleimoana Falemei

Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club: Chasmin Aokoloski

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